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[*on the report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.2)*]

53/151. Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Tolerance

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/124 of 18 December 1992, 48/126 of 20 December 1993, 49/213 of 23 December 1994 and 51/95 of 12 December 1996,

Recalling also that the Charter of the United Nations affirms in its Preamble that to practise tolerance is one of the principles to be applied to attain the ends pursued by the United Nations of preventing war and maintaining peace,

Stressing that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as set forth in the Charter, is the achievement of international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Bearing in mind the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[1] the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993,[2] and the International Covenants on Human Rights,[3]

Reconfirming that tolerance is the sound foundation of any civil society and of peace,

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General[4] transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance and the Follow-up Plan of Action for the United Nations Year for Tolerance,[5] submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/95,

1. *Welcomes* the role played by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the implementation of the Follow-up Plan of Action for the United Nations Year for Tolerance;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the contribution of several Member States to the realization of projects and activities aimed at the promotion of tolerance and non-violence, especially by means of education;

3. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to consider extending the material and moral support necessary for the functioning and enlargement of the existing regional networks of tolerance, non-violence and solidarity in the Mediterranean and Black Sea Basin, Asia and the Pacific, Africa and Latin America;

4. *Also invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to consider the possibility of creating institutional networks of tolerance, non-violence and solidarity in other regions and subregions;

5. *Welcomes* the translation and dissemination of the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance in many languages;

6. *Welcomes equally* the experience gained during the celebration in 1996 and 1997 of the International Day for Tolerance, and invites Member States and competent intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to contribute to the celebration of the International Day by means of educational activities and public information campaigns aimed at the realization of more tolerant societies;

7. *Invites* Member States to continue their efforts to achieve a wider application of the Declaration;

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[1] Resolution 217 A (III).

[2] A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

[3] Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

[4] A/53/284.

[5] A/51/201, appendix I.

8. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue to be the lead United Nations agency in the promotion of tolerance and non-violence;

9. *Also requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to include in its report on a culture of peace, to be submitted to the Millennium Assembly, information on the progress made in the implementation of the Follow-up Plan of Action for the United Nations Year for Tolerance.

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